

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 – 37. (Cancelled)

38. (New) A computerized method for developing and creating a plan through the use of hierarchically arranged objects, the method comprising:

- accepting input to define a plurality of plan objects, each object comprising a plurality of fields, the fields enabled to contain data, values, offsets, and links;

- accepting input to define a hierarchical relationship of the objects wherein each object is enabled to be designated as above a particular distinct object in the hierarchy or as below a particular distinct object in the hierarchy;

- accepting input to define relationships between fields of objects and other fields of objects;

- accepting input to populate fields of objects with data, values, offsets, or links;

- accepting input enabling or disabling particular objects;

- running a simulation wherein all objects hierarchically dependent upon a disabled object are, themselves, disabled, and calculating data, values, offsets and links for each of said object fields based upon the previously defined relationships between said fields of objects and said other fields of objects and the data, values, offsets, and links of said other fields; and

- producing a plan including data and values having been calculated from the simulation run on the objects.

39. (New) The method of claim 38 wherein input is accepted from a user interface.

40. (New) The method of claim 38 wherein input is accepted from another application.

41. (New) The method of claim 38 wherein relationships between fields of objects and other fields of objects comprise relationships between fields of objects and fields of other objects.

42. (New) The method of claim 38 wherein relationships between fields comprise relationships of dates, amounts, or rates.

43. (New) The method of claim 38 wherein data and values are financial data and values.
44. (New) The method of claim 38 wherein data and values are dates.
45. (New) The method of claim 38 wherein links are links to data and values in external databases.
46. (New) A computer program product comprising a computer-readable storage medium storing computer-executable instructions such that when executed, implement the method recited in claim 38.
47. (New) The computer program product of claim 46 wherein input is accepted from a user interface.
48. (New) The computer program product of claim 46 wherein input is accepted from another application.
49. (New) The computer program product of claim 46 wherein relationships between fields of objects and other fields of objects comprise relationships between fields of objects and fields of other objects.
50. (New) The computer program product of claim 46 wherein relationships between fields comprise relationships of dates, amounts, or rates.
51. (New) The computer program product of claim 46 wherein data and values are financial data and values.
52. (New) The computer program product of claim 46 wherein data and values are dates.
53. (New) The computer program product of claim 46 wherein links are links to data and values in external databases.

54. (New) A computing system comprising a processor and one or more computer-readable storage media storing computer-executable instructions that, when executed by the processor, implement the method recited in claim 38.

55. (New) The system of claim 54 wherein input is accepted from a user interface.

56. (New) The system of claim 54 wherein input is accepted from another application.

57. (New) The system of claim 54 wherein relationships between fields of objects and other fields of objects comprise relationships between fields of objects and fields of other objects.

58. (New) The system of claim 54 wherein relationships between fields comprise relationships of dates, amounts, or rates.

59. (New) The system of claim 54 wherein data and values are financial data and values.

60. (New) The system of claim 54 wherein data and values are dates.

61. (New) The system of claim 54 wherein links are links to data and values in external databases.